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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 5-221 AND 5-225, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA STATE BOXING COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 5-221, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           5-221. Definitions

5       In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

6       1. "Boxing" means the act of attack and defense with the fists, using  
7 padded gloves, that is practiced as a sport. Where applicable, boxing  
8 includes ~~kick boxing~~ KICKBOXING.

9       2. "Commission" means the Arizona state boxing commission.

10      3. "Contest" means any boxing contest, match or exhibition.

11      4. "Department" means the Arizona department of racing.

12      5. "Director" means the director of the Arizona department of racing.

13      6. "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
14 COMMISSION.

15      6. 7. "~~Kick boxing KICKBOXING~~" means a form of boxing in which blows  
16 are delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including the  
17 hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot.

18      7. ~~"Nontraditional fighting contest" means any competition between two  
19 or more persons, with or without gloves, who use any combination of fighting  
20 skills, including boxing, wrestling, hitting, kicking, martial arts and other  
21 combative full contact techniques. Nontraditional fighting contests include  
22 ultimate fighting, extreme fighting and shoot fighting but do not include  
23 kick boxing or any recognized martial arts competition.~~

24      8. "Professional" means any person who competes for any money prize or  
25 a prize that exceeds the value of thirty-five dollars or teaches or pursues  
26 or assists in the practice of boxing as a means of obtaining a livelihood or  
27 pecuniary gain.

28      9. ~~"Secretary" means the executive secretary of the commission.~~

29      10. 9. "Tough man contest" means any boxing match consisting of one  
30 minute rounds, between two or more persons who use their hands, wearing  
31 padded gloves that weigh not less than twelve ounces, or their feet, or both,  
32 in any manner. Tough man contest does not include ~~kick boxing~~ KICKBOXING or  
33 any recognized martial arts competition.

34      10. "UNARMED COMBAT" MEANS ANY FORM OF COMPETITION, OTHER THAN BOXING  
35 AND KICKBOXING, IN WHICH BLOWS ARE DELIVERED.

36       Sec. 2. Section 5-225, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

37           5-225. Regulation of boxing contests, tough man contests and  
38 unarmed combat

39       A. All boxing contests are subject to the provisions of this  
40 chapter. Every contestant in a boxing contest shall wear padded gloves that  
41 weigh at least eight ounces. The commission shall for every contest:

42       1. Direct a deputy to be present.

43       2. Direct the deputy to make a written report.

1       B. All tough man contests, including amateur tough man contests, are  
2 subject to the provisions of this chapter. Every contestant in a tough man  
3 contest shall wear padded gloves that weigh at least twelve ounces.

4       C. ~~All nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT, including  
5 amateur nontraditional fighting contests, ~~are~~ IS subject to the provisions of  
6 this chapter. Contestants in ~~nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT  
7 shall not strike other contestants in the spinal column or in the back of the  
8 head. Contestants shall not strike with their knees or elbows unless  
9 specified by rule. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR UNARMED COMBAT THAT  
10 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES OF CONDUCT ADOPTED  
11 BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC CONTROL BOARD.